

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 559

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Randy Frazier and the Gleason High School Lady Bulldogs basketball team upon winning the 2007 Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Gleason High School Lady Bulldogs girls' basketball team is one such team, who recently won the 2007 TSSAA Class A State Championship; and

WHEREAS, through diligence, dedication, and hard work, the team maximized their considerable talents and reached the pinnacle of high school athletics; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Randy Frazier provided expert guidance and leadership for these young women throughout their outstanding season; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and hard working basketball team, Gleason won the Region Final game against Lake County and defeated Scotts Hill in the Substate to advance to the State Championship game; and

WHEREAS, displaying the skill and character which had powered their tremendous success throughout the season, the Gleason Lady "Dawgs" outscored Oliver Springs 46-36 in the Championship game in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, during the championship game, the Gleason High School girls' basketball team impressed the crowd with their characteristic composed offense, artful defense, and rebounding edge, all of which are remarkable for a team of relatively small size; and

WHEREAS, guided by this year's "Miss Basketball," Kayla Hudson, the 2006-2007 Lady Bulldogs team has been called the most cohesive since Gleason's 1999 Championship squad; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Bulldogs are exceedingly grateful for the enthusiastic support provided by Gleason Assistant Principal Mitchell Parham and the vital leadership of Assistant Coach Joel Ayers, without each of whom none of their triumphs would have been possible; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extremely talented and gifted basketball team are: Elizabeth Terrell #10, Candace Green #12, Breeanna Wallace #14, Kim Edenfield #15, Kayla Hudson #20, Jenna Frazier #21, Kim Reynolds #23, Camille Cooper #25, Taylor Stout #30, Erica Morgan #32, Ashley Coble #33, Riley Auvenshine #31, Maggie Lowrance #34, Rebecca Hodges #42, Tiffany Coble #43, Sara Hensley #44, and Alexis Tipton #45; and

WHEREAS, also playing an important role in Gleason's success are the Gleason High School Cheerleaders, who recently won the Girls' State Tournament Sportsmanship Award; on the 2006-2007 squad are Sadie Cook, Meagan Goodlow, Kelly Hatley, Kinleigh Montgomery, Chelsey Morris, Katelyn Morris, Sierra Reeves, Teala Terrell, Tommie Lynn Wilson, Sponsor Kay Hudson, and Sponsor Amy Orr; and

WHEREAS, the basketball players at Gleason High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the court while showing the greatest degree of character both on and off the court; they inspired the Gleason student body and united their entire community while completing their triumphant run through the 2007 season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible a championship basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Gleason High School girls' basketball team for their success on the court and to thank them for serving as fine examples of Tennessee's youth; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the administration, faculty, staff, students, and fans of Gleason High School in celebrating the Lady Bulldogs' 2007 TSSAA Class A State Championship and honor and commend the talented young women who achieved this supreme success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.